

REMARKS

This amendment accompanies a request for continued examination.

Statement of Substance of Interview with Examiner

The undersigned representative and one of the inventors, Marcellus Buchheit, met with the examiner in person. A proposed amendment, attached to the Interview Summary prepared by the examiner, was discussed, as well as the Cronic et al. and Buchheit et al. references relied upon by the examiner in rejecting the previously pending claims. No agreement was reached. However, the examiner indicated that he would favorably consider amendments such as those that are made above. He indicated that the prior art of record did not appear to teach the use of a central management computer in a manner such as that set forth in the claims.

Rejection of Claims

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of all previously pending claims for reasons discussed with the examiner during the interview. These claims were rejected as being obvious in view of Cronic et al. and Buchheit et al. Nevertheless, it is submitted that this rejection is now moot in view of the amendments made above.

The independent claims have been amended to require that the dongle stores authorization codes from more than one licensor. Should there be a need to restore the authorization codes because the dongle is, for example, lost, stolen or damaged, the parameters for the authorization codes are sent to a central management computer, which is adapted for sending only those parameters relating a first license to a

computer for the first licensor, and for sending only those parameters relating to the second licensor to a computer for the second licensor.

It is respectfully submitted that the amendments clearly distinguish the claimed subject matter from Cronic et al. and Buchheit et al. for the reasons that neither disclose or discuss use of a central management computer to which parameters associated with authorization codes from more than licensor are sent, which central management computer is adapted for forwarding those parameters associated with a first licensor to a first computer, and not to a computer associated with any of the other licensors.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments made to Deposit Account No. 070153 of Gardere Wynne Sewell LLP, referencing 125542-1006.

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